



**History Department  
Sir George Williams  
Faculty of Arts**

# **east asia**

## **PAST AND PRESENT**

**A university credit course  
including a 26 day trip to  
Japan and the  
People's Republic of China**



## **HISTORY 161/N261/N491**

### **East Asia: Past and Present**

This intensive course has been designed to give students a basic introduction to East Asian history and culture and an opportunity to enhance their understanding with a twenty-six day intensive immersion in East Asian life. The course is under the direction of East Asian specialist Professor Martin Singer, History Department, Sir George Williams Campus, Concordia University.

During a three month orientation period in Montreal weekly lectures, films and slide presentations, guest speakers, discussions and selected readings will provide the student with an outline of East Asian history from its beginnings to the present day and an introduction to salient aspects of East Asian culture. The central theme of the lectures will be to compare the historical and cultural traditions of China and Japan and their contrasting development in the modern era.

On April 30 the class will depart from Montreal for a twenty-six day tour of Japan and the People's Republic of China. The main emphasis of the trip will be divided between visits to important historical and cultural sights and visits to schools, universities, hospitals, factories and rural areas. There will also be opportunities to meet informally with the Chinese and Japanese people and to pursue one's individual interests. There will be frequent briefing sessions throughout the tour portion of the course and the instructor will always be available to answer questions and guide students.

All students will be asked to keep a daily journal. The journal will provide an opportunity for students to reflect on their experiences and to integrate their first-hand impressions with their prior knowledge of East Asia—to deepen their awareness of cultural differences and similarities and to readjust their preconceptions. In addition students with prior background in the study of East Asia will be asked to submit a comparative essay on a particular aspect of East Asian life, based on their observations and a number of additional readings.

The course will be available to students of varying backgrounds, on both a credit and a non-credit basis. Students without background in East Asia should apply for History N261. (Historical and Cultural Background of Modern Asia). Students with previous background in East Asian history and culture should apply for History N491 (Special Studies in History). Students from other institutions should petition their home universities for transfer credit arrangements. Interested members of the general public may also apply for admission to the course on a credit (Mature Student Qualifying Program) or non-credit (Continuing Education) basis.



## Timetable

Classes will be held on Saturday mornings, 9:00 A.M.  
- 1:00 P.M.

Classes commence January 17 and end April 17.

## Outline of Lectures

### China

- I. Orientation
- II. Philosophy and Religion
- III. Art and Literature
- IV. Society and Economy
- V. Foreign Relations
- VI. Revolution
- VII. Politics and Ideology

### Japan

- VIII. Orientation
- IX. Philosophy and Religion
- X. Art and Architecture
- XI. Literature and Theatre
- XII. Society and Economy
- XIII. Foreign Relations

## Student Responsibilities

Each student is expected to read Reischauer et al., **East Asia: Tradition and Transformation** before the end of April, to read further on a particular aspect of Chinese or Japanese history and to keep a daily journal of experiences and impressions while traveling in East Asia.

## Itinerary — Twenty-six days in East Asia

### **A. Departure** - Friday April 30, 1976

Air Canada flight No. 731 - early morning flight from Montreal to Chicago.

Northwest Orient Airlines flight No. 3 - midday flight to Tokyo arriving early in the evening of May 1.

### **B. Japan** - May 1, 1976 - May 14, 1976

1. 13 nights of hotel accommodations
  - 6 nights at the New Otani Tower Hotel in Tokyo
  - 1 night at the Hotel Kowaki-en (Japanese-style) in Hakone
  - 6 nights at the Kyoto Grand Hotel in Kyoto.
2. 13 full breakfasts
3. 13 Japanese lunches
4. 13 dinners (choice of cuisine) at hotel or in selected restaurants
5. Pre-arranged touring
  - a. Full day tour of Tokyo by motorcoach including visits to Tokyo Tower, Meiji Shrine, Asakusa Kannon Temple, National Diet Building, Olympic

National Gymnasium, Imperial East Garden and an orientation to the Asakusa, Shibuya, Shinjuku and Ginza districts of Tokyo and participation in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony

b. Full day Tokyo Industrial Tour by motorcoach including visits to Sony Transistor products, Canon Camera, Sapporo Brewery or Suntory Distillery

c. Full day visit to Nikko (90 miles north of Tokyo) by train and motorcoach

including visits to Toshogu Shrine, Yomeimon Gate, Sacred Bridge, Cedar Avenue, Lake Chuzenji and Kegon Waterfall

d. Full day excursion to Tokyo National Museum, Tokyo University and Kabukiza (Kabuki) Theatre

e. Full day drive by motorcoach to Hakone including a visit to Kamakura, the seat of feudal government from 1192-1333, to view the Daibutsu (700 year old bronze Buddha) and Tsurugaoka Hachiman Shrine, a drive through Hakone National Park, including an opportunity to view Mt. Fuji and cruise on Lake Hakone.

f. Bullet train ride from Atami to Kyoto

g. Full day tour of Kyoto by motorcoach including the Old Imperial Palace, Nijo Castle, Kinkakuji, Ginkakuji, Sanjusangendo Hall, Kiyomizu Temple and Heian Shrine

h. Full day excursion to Nara (8th century capital of Japan) by motorcoach including visits to Todaiji Temple, Nara Deer Park, Kasuga Shrine, Byodoin Temple, Kofuji and Horyuji

i. Morning tour of Kyoto Gardens including visits to Daikakuji, Ryoanji and Saihoji

j. Half-day visits to a primary school and to a hospital in Kyoto are also planned but not yet confirmed

## **6. Free Time**

There will be one full free day in Tokyo and at least two full free days in Kyoto. All six evenings in Tokyo and all six evenings in Kyoto will be time free of scheduled activities. Informal group discussions or small group visits with Japanese families or university students and faculty may however be scheduled in this "free" period.

## **7. Departure from Kyoto on May 14, 1976**

CAAC (Civil Aviation Administration of China) flight No. 924 departs from Osaka International Airport in the early evening for Peking

## **C. The People's Republic of China -**

May 14, 1976 -

Our exact itinerary is not yet available. We do know that we will visit Peking (traditional and modern capital of China, with a population of over 7.5 million

people), Nanking (2,500 year old occasional capital of China), and Shanghai (largest city and most important Chinese trading port and former bastion of western imperialism).

Our twelve day visit will include the following:

1. 11 nights of hotel accomodation
2. 11 Chinese or western breakfasts
3. 10 Chinese lunches
4. 10 Chinese dinners

5. **Peking:** (requested itinerary)

Visits to the Imperial Palace (the former Forbidden City), Tienanmen Square, the Museum of Chinese History, the Chinese Revolution Museum, the Great Hall of the People, Coal Hill, Pei Hai (North Sea), the National Art Gallery, the Temple of Heaven, the Bell Tower and Drum Tower, the Marco Polo Bridge, Incense Mountain, Western Hills, the Summer Palace, the Ming Tombs, and the Great Wall

6. **Nanking:** (requested itinerary)

Visits to the City Gates, the Mausoleum of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Ling Kuo Park, Yangtze Bridge, Taiping Museum and Memorial Hall, the ruins of the Ming Palace

7. **Shanghai** (requested itinerary)

Visits to the port area, Chung Shan Lu street (the former "Bund"), Shanghai Industrial Exhibit, Dr. Sun Yat-sen's former home, Shanghai Children's Palace, Lu Hsun Memorial Park

8. We have also requested visits to several universities, at least one rural commune, one light and one heavy industrial facility, primary and middle schools, a hospital, an urban neighborhood, and a day care facility.

9. Departure from Shanghai - May 25, 1976

**D. Return to Montreal - May 25, 1976**

Northwest Orient Airlines No. 4 departs from Tokyo in the early afternoon and arrives in Seattle in the early morning of the same day (because of the International Date Line). Those wishing to return directly to Montreal should expect to arrive in the evening of May 25. Students have the option of remaining at any west coast city until June 4, but they must return to Montreal no later than June 4 to retain their group fare status.

**Course Costs \$2250.00 inclusive**

1. University tuition
2. Three months intensive preparation in Montreal — consisting of weekly lectures, films and slide presentations and guest speakers
3. One copy of the required text for the course, Fairbank, Reischauer and Craig, **East Asia: Tradition and Transformation**



4. All visa application fees
5. Automatic trip interruption insurance
6. Return economy class jet air transportation from Montreal to Tokyo. One way economy class jet air transportation from Osaka to Peking and from Shanghai to Tokyo
7. Briefing sessions at each new arrival
8. 24 nights of double occupancy hotel accommodations with private bath
9. All meals (breakfasts, lunches and dinners)
10. All hotel and restaurant taxes, service charges and gratuities
11. All bus and rail transportation necessary to the completion of the itinerary in Japan and the People's Republic of China
12. Guided motorcoaches and all entrance fees to pre-arranged touring sights
13. All airport and railroad station transfers
14. Transfer of two pieces of baggage — up to 44 lbs — by air and land
15. All airport departure taxes

## **Registration**

**Application for admission:** Applications should be submitted on the prescribed form as soon as possible and in any case no later than December 15, 1975.

**Deposit:** A deposit of \$250.00 must accompany each application.

**Selection of Students:** Each applicant will be interviewed by the instructor. As the number of places is limited, priority will be given to those who demonstrate serious academic intent. An attempt will be made to develop a representative student group, balanced in terms of academic interest and occupational experience. Applicants will be contacted by the university no later than January 9, and informed whether or not they have been accepted. Several alternates will be named in case of cancellations.

## **Refund of Deposit**

A student's deposit will be refunded in full if the student withdraws from the course prior to the commencement of classes in January or if he is not among those accepted for admission into the course by the University or if his visa application is at any point rejected by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Canada. The deposit less \$125 (tuition, visa application fee, textbook charge and administrative charge) will be refunded if the student voluntarily withdraws after classes have begun but before 60 days prior to departure.

## **Final Payment**

The balance of \$2,000 is due in two equal installments: \$1,000 is due February 29th 1976 and \$1,000 is due March 30th 1976. Students who do not settle their accounts by that date will lose their deposit and their reserved space in the course.

## **Withdrawal from the course in March**

Students who withdraw from the course March 1 or later will forfeit the total cost of their land arrangements plus tuition (\$1,000) unless a standby student acceptable to both the Chinese and Japanese governments is available, in which case the student will forfeit only \$250.

## **Important Notes**

1. Accommodations in hotels are based on two course members sharing a twin-bedded room with private bath. Single rooms are available in Japan for a supplemental fee of \$150. There are no single room accommodations in the People's Republic of China.
2. Full North American breakfast will be available in both Japan and China. Students will also have the choice of Chinese breakfasts in the People's Republic of China. Lunches in Japan will be Japanese-style. Lunches in China will be Chinese-style. Dinners in Japan will always provide a choice between Asian and Western cuisine, except in Hakone, where a traditional Sukiyaki dinner will be served. Dinners in China will generally be Chinese food.
3. If students do not follow our itinerary to return to North America on the 26th day, services for their accommodations will be terminated upon their departure from Shanghai. Under such circumstances those students cannot use group air fares and must pay applicable additional air fares.
4. Students may elect to remain in any West Coast port of entry through June 4 at no additional air fare.
5. Canadian citizens should have the following travel documents for their trip:
  - a. valid passport
  - b. smallpox and cholera inoculations validated on the International Certificate of Vaccinations by the Canadian Public Health Office.

Citizens of other countries should consult the instructor concerning appropriate visa requirements.

## **General Conditions**

**Air Transportation:** via Air Canada, Northwest Orient Airlines, the Civil Aviation Administration of China, or the services of any other ATC or IATA Carrier on economy class jet. Air fares, which are subject to change without notice, are based on group inclusive tour (G.I.T.) airfares from Montreal to Tokyo and standard fares from Osaka to Peking and from Shanghai to Tokyo. G.I.T. airfares require a minimum of ten people travelling together throughout according to IATA requirements.

**Land Costs:** Costs of land arrangements in the course fee are quoted in Canadian dollars and are based on tariffs and rates of exchange between Canadian dollars and foreign currencies in effect on October 24, 1975. Costs of land arrangements are subject to adjustment if exchange rates fluctuate.



**Hotel Accomodations:** Hotels with private bath in each room as specified in the itinerary or similar class of hotels based on double occupancy. Hotels are subject to change.

**Meals:** Dinners in Japan are on a table d'hote basis. Transfers between hotels and restaurants not included.

**Responsibility:** Concordia University, A. Nirenberg Travel Bureau, Japan Travel Bureau Inc., and China International Travel Service give notice that all tickets and coupons issued by them and all arrangements for transport or conveyance, or for hotel accomodations are made by them as agents upon the express condition that they shall not be liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reason of any defect in any vehicle, or through the acts of default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passengers, or in carrying out the arrangements of the course or otherwise in connection therewith, or of any hotel proprietor or servant.

Concordia University, A. Nirenberg Travel Bureau, Japan Travel Bureau Inc., and China International Travel Service accept no responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delays or changes in train, steamers, or other services, sickness, weather, strikes, war, quarantine or other causes. All course itineraries and fares may be affected by alterations in steamship, air or railroad services of the various countries, or by other causes.

The right is reserved to withdraw any tour announced in this program and to make such alterations in the itineraries as may be found desirable for the convenience of the parties and the proper carrying out of the tours. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of any party at any time. The right is reserved to cancel the course prior to departure. In such case full refund of all payments will constitute full settlement by the student.

All fares shown are based on the present value of foreign currencies in relation to the Canadian dollar and on current tariffs and are subject to confirmation or adjustment when final payment for the course is made.

The airlines concerned are not held responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time passengers are not on board their planes or conveyances. The passenger contract in use by the airline concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tours and/or passengers. Any and/or all transportation companies herein mentioned shall have or incur no responsibility for liability to any traveler aside from their liability as common carriers.

The necessary registration forms and further information may be obtained by contacting:

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